- identification and sealing of unauthorized outlets and ensuring that there are no illegal discharges in Periyar;
- ensuring that the units are complying with environmental laws.

Household garbage from European nations

911. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is fast becoming a dumping ground for household garbage from the European nations;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that even though the Ministry had banned import of household garbage, an Irish company had managed to get an NOC from a Municipality in Gujarat and was exporting garbage to a Kalol based recycling plant near Mehsana; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigations to find out how household garbage is illegally imported into the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the reports received from the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), a no objection certificate (NOC) was found to have been issued to M/s Well Pack Papers and Containers Limited, Kalol, Distt. Mehsana in Gujarat. However, after an inquiry by the vigilance cell of the Gujarat Pollution Control Board, it was found that the NOC was not authentic. GPCB has, further, informed that the imported waste was not household garbage but mixed paper waste, which is allowed for recycling under EXIM policy.

Damage to Manas and Orang National Park by flood

912. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken, so far, by Government for the restoration of some portions of various National Parks and sanctuaries like Manas and Orang in Assam where heavy damage was caused due to devastating flood in the State, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and